

Remarks

Claims 28 and 30 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically in claim 28 with respect to the new limitations "substantially uniform intensity" and "substantially uniform temperature".

Claim 28 has been amended as follows:

- a. generating a continuous beam of radiation having a wavelength capable of heating the one or more regions to form an image having an operationally useful portion with ~~a substantially uniform an~~ intensity **uniformity of about $\pm 2\%$** ; and
- b. scanning the beam of radiation over the one or more regions in a scan direction so that each point in the one or more regions receives an amount of thermal energy effective to process each of the one or more regions at a ~~substantially uniform~~ temperature **having a temperature uniformity produced as a result of the $\pm 2\%$ intensity uniformity.**

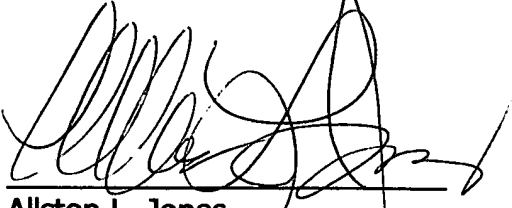
The newly recited intensity limitation is supported in the Specification at page 8, lines 23-24.

The newly recited temperature limitation is supported in the Specification at a number of locations including at page 16, lines 15-16.

With this amendment to Claim 28, claims 28-30 are now in compliance with the requirements of 35 USC §112.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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